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REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

MUDDY TIDE EBBING

The muddy tide of McCarthyism seems to be ebbing. Attorney General Brownell has given up the attempt to convict Lattimore of perjury; this was one of Joe McCarthy's pet cases, but when it went to court, repeatedly, it wouldn't stand up.

The Supreme Court made a ruling in the Peters case that put a curb on the Administration's practice of keeping after a man until it nailed him, no matter how many times the case was lost.

In the Lamb case, the woman who now admits she lied against Lamb in the original hearing has herself gone to jail for perjury.

A Senate committee agrees, both Republicans and Democrats, that there should be a checkup on Administration security practices.

Some of the Legion's methods of hectoring liberals and implying they're Communies give signs of abating in other States, even if not in California.

KNOWLAND WEAKENS

McCarthy himself took a terrific defeat in the Senate when he tried to impose impossible conditions upon the Presidency in the "meeting at the summit" of the leaders of the Great Powers.

On top of all this, Senator Knowland gives signs of deserting McCarthy. The McCarthy ship must be getting pretty leaky, if so distinguished a passenger wearing the mantle of the late Senator Taft decides it's time to abandon the vessel. Senator Taft told McCarthy to keep on trying; he might turn up something if he kept on calling everybody he didn't like a Commie. So when Knowland quits McCarthy, it means the ghost of Taft is leaving the damaged vessel also.

NIXONISM, HOWEVER...

Still another blow was given to McCarthyism when a Hoover "task force" headed by General Mark Clark went into the Central Intelligence Agency, which McCarthy claimed was honeycombed with Communies, and came out with the report that this just isn't so.

Then Secretary of Agriculture Benson crawled clumsily out of a hole by stating that the charge publicized officially by his department that Ladejinsky was a member of two Communist front organizations was a bit wrong.

In short, the tide is ebbing. Meanwhile, however, Tricky Dicky Nixon, the man who got into Congress by smearing the incumbent liberal as a Red, continues to ride high. Rumor persists that the General, the oldest man who ever sat in the White House, thinks that Tricky Dicky is just the man for Vice President if the General wins a second term.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty from McCarthyism and Nixonism.

Global Drive to Organize Seamen

NEW YORK (AFL News)—A global drive to organize seamen manning "runaway" ships registered under the flags of Panama, Liberia, and Honduras has been launched here by the International Transport Workers' Federation.

The drive is being directed by Willy Dorchan, federation representative here, and is being coordinated with the federation's Latin American headquarters in Mexico City.

The campaign is aimed at raising wage levels for seamen on the "runaway" ships to those of leading maritime nations and to insure adherence to safety standards prevailing in legitimate maritime nations.

The federation estimates that thousands of seamen man the approximately 8,000,000 gross-ton fleet registered under the flags of the three countries.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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John W. Holmdahl, AFL-Backed, Takes City Council Post

John W. Holmdahl, the young attorney backed by organized labor for the place on the Oakland City Council which he won in the spring elections, was sworn in at the organization meeting of the council July 1.

John F. Quinn, president of the Central Labor Council, who ran with the backing of organized labor against Councilman Howard Rilea, was present at the ceremonies. Rilea, being sworn in for his new term, congratulated Quinn on having made a clean race, and Quinn shook hands with his successful opponent.

Peter M. Tripp, who defeated incumbent Dr. Grover MacLeod in the spring elections, was sworn in along with Holmdahl as a new member of the council. Fred Maggiora and Lester M. Grant, incumbents, were sworn in for their new terms.

All those elected in the spring elections will hold office 4 years.

Frank J. Youell, who has been a member of the City Council ever since he was appointed to the place years ago, made vacant by the resignation of James H. Quinn, was elected Vice Mayor. James H. Quinn, member of Steamfitters 342, for years president of the Building Trades Council and editor of East Bay Labor Journal, resigned from the council when he became a member of the State Board of Equalization.

Oakland Tribune reported the ceremonies of the organization of the new City Council, but failed to report the progress of the action Dr. MacLeod is bringing against the Tribune for its last-minute publication of a smear against MacLeod and other candidates backed by labor. The case is now before Superior Judge Agee, and a ruling from him as to whether the case can proceed is expected soon.

The Tribune in its last-minute smear, when MacLeod and the other smeared candidates had no chance to answer, claimed that these candidates had the endorsement of the People's World. After the election was over, the Tribune ran statements by these candidates, but MacLeod is asking damages on the ground that injury was done to his reputation, and that after the election statements failed to repair that injury.

Culinary Strikers Are Standing Firm

Edrie Wright, president of Culinary Alliance 31, told the Central Labor Council recently that during the many weeks of the strike of culinary crafters against 20 big hotels in Miami, "not one striker has quit the picket lines and gone back to work."

She said that the Hotel & Restaurant Employees & Bartenders International Union has "rented a huge place to feed the strikers," and is settling down for a long siege of the citadel of the non-union South if necessary.

Employers have tried to get 11 injunctions, but so far the courts have failed to go along with them, said Miss Wright.

Officers Reelected by Cooks 44; C. McDonough Retires as President

San Francisco Cooks Local 44 held its biennial election June 23 in which all incumbent officers were re-elected to office by acclamation with the exception of President C. T. McDonough, who declined the presidency, a position which he has held for 20 years.

McDonough stated, "The press of my duties as a representative of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union makes it imperative that I devote all of my time to International affairs."

McDonough's term as a Civil Service Commissioner for San Francisco expired on July 1. He declined reappointment to the Civil Service Commission for the same reason.

Mr. McDonough was succeeded in Local No. 44 by Jos. Belardi, who has been an officer of Local No. 44 since 1935.

The officers of president and general organizer for Local 44 have been combined.

Those returned to office were: Jos. Belardi, President-Organizer; Al Mason, Vice-President; Wm. Kilpatrick, Secretary-Treasurer; Fred Heindl, Recording Secretary and Dispatcher; Sam Hagler, Business Agent; Melo Jovich, Business Agent; Gust Smirnits, Business Agent.

Men Peacefully at Work on Key Lines With Bigger Wages

Instead of going on strike Tuesday of this week as they had resolved to do if necessary, members of Carmen's Division 192 were in "business as usual" running the buses and electric cars of the Key Transit System.

The membership voted by secret ballot last Friday 866 to 252 to accept the terms of a settlement proposed by Federal Conciliator Arthur Viat.

Terms of the agreement are as follows:

A 5 cent an hour wage increase retroactive to June 21; 4 cents per hour additional effective March 1, 1956, and 3 cents per hour additional effective December 1, 1956.

A two-year contract to expire May 31, 1957.

Six holidays per year, time and one-half if worked, straight time if not worked, for maintenance workers as well as operating personnel.

One week vacations after one year, two weeks after three years, both to be paid on the present basis; three weeks after 12 years and four weeks after 25 years.

Continued free transportation for unemployed widows of pensioners.

A slight change in the "extra board," other items to remain as contained in the 1953-55 contract.

Vern Stambaugh, president of Division 192, who for weeks has been going through terrifically long negotiating sessions, was asked by East Bay Labor Journal:

"Do you feel relieved now that the strain is over?"

Stambaugh's answer, accompanied by one slight chuckle, was a masterpiece of brevity: "A little bit!"

Officers Named by Linoleum Layers

At a special called meeting of Carpet, Linoleum & Soft Tile Workers 1290 the following officers were elected:

President—L. O. Gladding
Vice President—H. Jones
Financial Secretary—C. J. Garoni

Warden—J. Calista
Business Agent & Recording Secretary—G. A. McIntire
One Trustee—C. Hobbs

The officers of president, financial secretary, and business agent went to the incumbents unopposed.

Garoni was elected to represent the local at the State Federation convention in San Diego in August.

McIntire was elected to represent the local at the national conference to be held in Denver the last week of July.

Injunction Denied In Tool, Die Case

Superior Judge Richard H. Chamberlain last week denied to the International Association of Machinists an injunction against the Tool & Die Craftsmen, an independent union.

The Craftsman, a group which the NLRB has certified for the tool and die makers at the Friden and Marchant Calculating plants, has been picketing those plants, demanding higher pay than other machinists on the ground that they are more highly skilled.

The picketing at the calculating plants was followed up by picketing on the Ran-Robb Die Co. in Oakland and the Olin Tool & Machinery Co. in San Leandro, which have been doing repair work for the calculating firms.

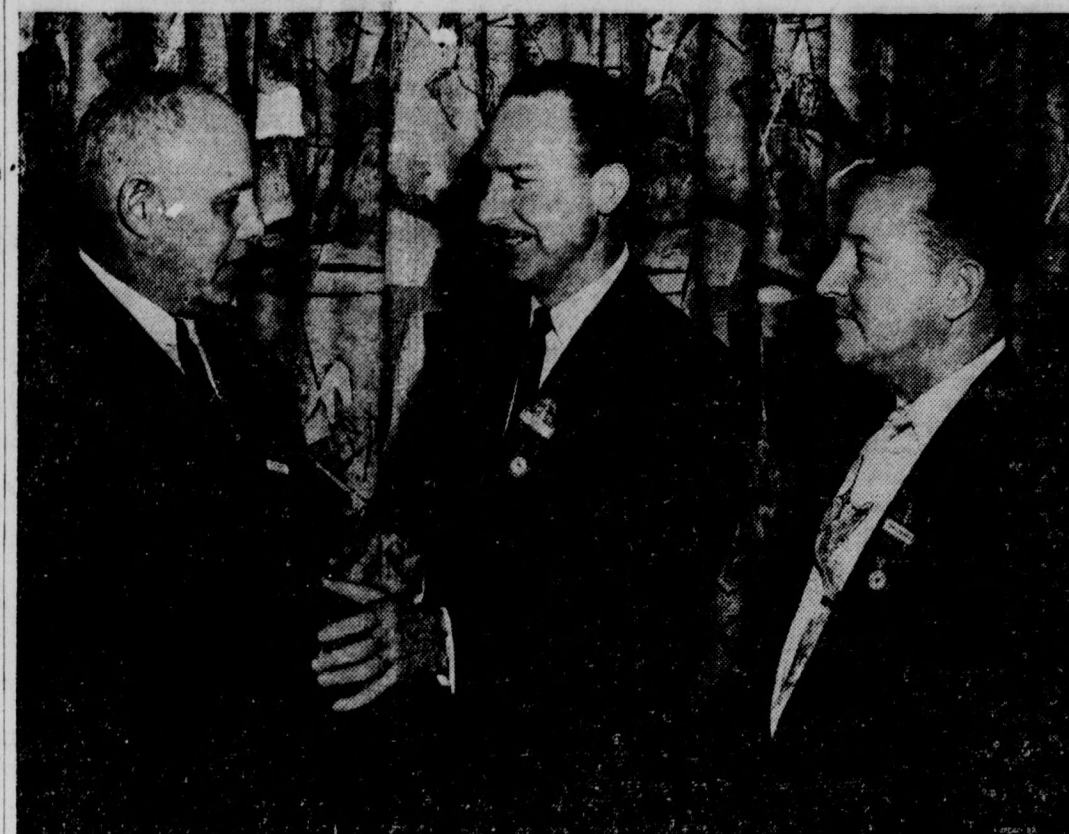
The IAM contended that the picketing of these smaller plants constituted a secondary boycott and asked for an injunction. Judge Chamberlain denied the injunction on the ground that his court had no jurisdiction, as the dispute is pending before the NLRB.

Eyesight of Children Is Better Than Adults'

Children's eyesight is better in general than adults', according to local optometrists who gave free eye check-ups at the Alameda County Fair.

Dr. Laurence H. Cornett of Oakland, who donated his services to operate Community Vision Services Mobile Screening Unit at the Fair, said youthful visitors made out better in the screening than their parents.

Dr. Cornett attributed this higher visual proficiency in children to frequent vision check-ups by school authorities.



SUFFRIDGE GREETES MEANY—AFL President George Meany (left) is shown being greeted by Retail Clerks International Association President James A. Suffridge (center) and Vernon Housewright, secretary-treasurer of the Clerks, as Meany arrived direct from his trip to Europe, where he attended an international conference. Meany addressed the Clerks' convention. Suffridge, a member of Food Clerks 870 here, has for some years been chief executive officer of the Clerks, with the title of secretary-treasurer, but at the recent convention it was voted to have him and Housewright swap titles, as in most AFL unions the top general officer bears the title of president. Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer of Local 870, was on the Constitution Committee of the convention.

When 20-hour Week Arrives, How Will Leisure Be Used?

"The twenty-hour week is inevitable," says Arnold F. Arnold, designer and author, the New York Times reported in a dispatch from Aspen, Colo.

Arnold was one of four panel members who went to work on the subject of leisure at the fifth session of the International Design Conference.

The over-all conclusions were that because of mechanical developments and the systematic use of wealth, all men would have more free time in the near future, and most of them would have to learn how to spend that newly gained time pleasantly and profitably.

Speaking of the "new industrial revolution" that is to bring this about, Arnold declared: "Today it is only the aged and the very young, those limited by experience and those whose energy is on the wane, who have difficulties in spending their time usefully. Tomorrow it will be the middle-aged and young adults, in full possession of all mental and physical faculties, who will be incapable of dealing with their leisure because they will have too much of it."

Bernard Benson, president of the Benson Leher Corporation, makers of automatic date-heating machines, concurred with Arnold's conclusion that inevitably greater productivity would provide either more leisure for all or all leisure for some.

"Science is busy designing leisure - producing machines," Mr. Benson said, "so now is the opportunity to build leisure and happiness converters. It may, however, turn out that it takes as long as twenty years to train people to convert leisure into happiness."

If this is so, he warned, the problem is with us today. The inadequacy of most Americans to use even what leisure time they have constructively was drolly pictured with both words and slides by cartoonist Robert Osborn.

Speaking of pressures to which most of us are subjected in the "rat race" for economic success, Osborn showed a vividly realistic picture of the man who is left at the end of each day still on the hook, hardly prepared to enjoy or use his leisure.

The solution, according to Mr. Osborn, is a good stiff drink. He added: "An ever increasing amount of leisure is devoted to the absorption of alcohol."

The cartoonist then recommended that we decide just what things we really enjoyed, with emphasis on the "enriching, or revealing, experiences composed, at their best, of simple valid ingredients."

The conversation with friends, the walk before breakfast, the contemplation of the Narcissus petal—these he described.

Smith, Ray Elected By Iron Workers

Richard Smith Jr. was elected president, defeating Dee Stiles Sr., and Dale Ray was elected business agent, defeating William D. Hubbard, by Iron Workers 378 in the runoff election held July 2.

The regular election was held June 25.

CLC MEETING JULY 11 AND THE BTC JULY 12

Delegates are reminded that the Central Labor Council will meet Monday July 11, and the Building Trades Council Tuesday July 12, following the interruption caused by the holiday weekend.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash will be at that council's meeting, having returned from his duties as a delegate to the New York convention of the Retail Clerks International Association, and from one week of his annual vacation.

Culinary Contract Expires; Prolonged Bargaining Meets

With culinary union contracts expiring at both the northern and southern ends of Alameda county at midnight Wednesday, negotiations were stepped up a high pitch this week.

W. J. Dykhouse, representing restaurants and taverns at both ends of the county, negotiated with H. J. Badger, secretary-treasurer of the Culinary Joint Board for the northern end of the county, and other union representatives, until 3 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Later in the same day Dykhouse went into negotiations with representatives of Hayward Culinary & Bartenders 823, of which Roy Woods is secretary-treasurer and Floyd Attaway is business representative. This union represents all the culinary crafts in the southern end of the county.

Union representatives said that until the time of contract expiration was near at hand the employers had been unwilling to discuss, or pleading extreme poverty if discussing, any wage increase. The unions feel that it is time to gain some wage increases. In the southern end of the county, delegates recently pointed out to the Central Labor Council, there have been no wage increases for 3 years.

Attaway told the press that present wage scales in the southern end of the county are: Waitresses, \$6.25 to \$7 per day; cooks \$9.75 to \$13; and bartenders \$14.75.

Hospital Workers Nearing Zero Hour

AFL Hospital and Institutional Workers Local 250 met Thursday with representatives of 8 East Bay hospitals and continued negotiations. The contract had expired several days before. State Conciliator Tom Nicolopolous is sitting in.

The union is asking an increase of \$20 a month across the board. John K. Robinson of the union staff told East Bay Labor Journal that some hospital workers are getting less than \$200 a month, and the average range is from \$200 to \$225.

The hospitals have offered \$5 a month increase for a one-year contract, or \$7.50 a month for a two-year contract.

Hospitals involved are East Oakland, Merritt, Peralta, Providence and Children's in Oakland; Alta Bates and Herrick in Berkeley, and Alameda Hospital in Alameda.

Adlai Wires Labor UN Needs Support Of Plain Citizens

Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate for President in 1952, telegraphed a message to Co-Chairmen John K. Robinson and Helen Wheeler of the San Francisco Labor Council committee which gave the successful banquet at Hotel Fairmont during the recent United Nations tenth anniversary week.

Robinson is with Hospital & Institutional Workers 250 and Miss Wheeler with Culinary Miscellaneous Employees 110.

"Mr. Stevenson's message was so fine a fellow feels like having it framed and hung on the wall," said Robinson.

"Those of us who were in San Francisco ten years ago," wired Stevenson, "remember that time as one of hope and misgiving. We need have doubted less. The United Nations has not only solved all our problems but during as dangerous decade as history records it has held the world together."

"Yet its greatest achievement, it seems to me, is that it has established itself so firmly in the hearts and minds of ordinary people the world over. A world without a United Nations is today unthinkable. We need it and we believe in it. And despite the promise of its charter and the vision of its leaders the United Nations can lead us to a better day only if it continues to command the wholehearted support of the plain people of the earth who bear the brunt of history's blows."

"If I may I should like to urge you to work for the United Nations. Never take it for granted. Defend it as you would your liberty. It needs you. It cannot survive without you. Did the people abandon it, it would quickly die."

"Your meeting, and those of unnumbered others like you, who support and believe in the United Nations, is the finest birthday gift the United Nations could receive."

AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler wired that "the American Federation of Labor, always a firm believer in peace, supports the United Nations organization holding out the greatest promise for the prevention of war through the peaceful and just settlement of international differences and tensions."

Eleanor Roosevelt wired that "organized labor can truly be proud of its record of support of the United Nations."

Culinary Workers Win Santa Clara Co. Strike

AFL bartenders and culinary workers in Santa Clara county won a month-long strike recently, withdrawing pickets from 17 taverns and restaurants. The strike, involving 3000 workers and more than 300 spots, resulted in establishing a 37½-hour 5-day week, and an agreement to negotiate further on the wage issue.

Early in the strike the Employers' Association asked its members to launch a lockout, a request which was largely ignored.

GIBSON BUS LINE drivers at Sacramento were on strike this week. They belong to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Labor Not Doing Very Well In This Session of the Congress

Things are not going well in Congress for organized labor, says the Machinist, weekly publication of the International Association of Machinists. Following is the Machinists' analysis of the situation:

Congress is talking about adjourning its session by August 15. The facts show that, in the workingman's book, Senators and Congressmen have a great deal of work to do in the less than two months remaining. Only a few of the matters in which union members have a vital interest have been dealt with decisively so far.

Some progress has been made in recent weeks. A bill extending the Reciprocal Trade Agreements for three years has been enacted. The Senate has passed a \$1 an hour minimum wage act and has approved an effective slum clearance and low-cost housing bill. The House has voted a farm bill designed to give the farmer a boost in his job-producing purchasing power. Likewise, the House has approved a defense spending bill giving the Air Force three and a half billion dollars more for next year than it has this year.

Sentiment is growing to improve Social Security pensions by lowering the age limit for women to 60 years, and a Senate Interior subcommittee has approved \$500,000,000 to construct Hells Canyon dam to help provide power and jobs for the Pacific Northwest.

However, as the box-score below shows, many matters of basic concern to union members have received little or no consideration in this first session of the 84th Congress.

Nothing has been done on Taft-Hartley repeal or revision. No attempt has been made to repeal the Section 14-b loophole which permits states to pass anti-labor "right-to-work" bills in direct opposition to the nation's established labor policy.

Reduction of taxes on individuals' income was brought up. It passed in the House but was killed in the Senate, despite the hard work of liberal Senators. They were in the minority and the Administration opposed any reduction this year.

Nothing has been done on raising Federal minimum standards for state unemployment compensation payment and coverage. Labor seeks payments of up to two-thirds of average weekly wages for at least 26 weeks as the minimum standards. The Administration wants the increases left strictly up to the states. Some state legislatures made some very limited improvements this year.

Nothing has been done on national health insurance. Hearings have been held on school construction bills, but reports have not yet been submitted by the committees.

Nothing has been done on measures to improve Railroad Retirement pension, particularly to help widows.

It looks as if something might be done about the distribution and purchase of Salk anti-polio vaccine. Committees of both the Senate and House have been probing the question. The Administration opposes a bill to give it standby controls over distribution in case of need and provide free shots for all children. It wants funds only to meet the needs of poor children.

That is the way the picture looks as Congress enters the final weeks of its 1955 session. Of course, it is true that this Congress has another year to run. Some of these matters may be attacked with vigor next year in view of the elections.

However, as things stand now, from the union member's point of view, it can hardly be termed an auspicious start. Beyond the fact that the Administration in power is dominated by corporation millionaires, the principal reason is not hard to find. Eric Peterson, national chairman of the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League, summed it up in a recent address. He said, "Even after our 1954 victories, we still do not have enough liberal Senators and Representatives in Congress to stem the tide of reactionary legislation. At best we can count on 44 Senators out of 96; at worst as few as 30. Out of 435 Representatives, the number of friends labor can count on is small—only 176. As in the Senate many of these 176 will falter and desert us under fire."

FRANK ADAMS, principal of McClymonds High School, has been promoted to assistant superintendent of Oakland schools and director of adult education and the Oakland Junior College. He succeeds Dr. Rex Turner, who leaves July 15 to become superintendent of Sequoia Union High School District in San Mateo county.

Anti-Labor Drive By GOP Is Charged By Paul M. Butler

Paul M. Butler, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, charges that the Republican Party is conducting a vigorous campaign against organized labor in the Federal Government and in State Legislatures across the nation. He described the program as "the Republican one-two punch at labor unions."

"There is no doubt in my mind that the Republicans are dedicated to a new and concerted, state-by-state campaign to hamper and inhibit labor in every possible way," he asserted.

Butler addressed a Jefferson-Jackson fund-raising dinner in the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

He referred to the Republican-controlled legislature's action in Wisconsin in passing the "anti-labor bill," banning labor unions from making contributions to a political party. "This does not represent the efforts and opinions of just a few isolated right-wing Republicans in this state," he said. "It represents the official concerted policy of the entire Republican Party of the state."

As part of the concerted anti-labor drive, Mr. Butler pointed to Michigan, where the GOP controlled Senate has pushed for action on a similar bill aimed at cutting down labor's political activities, and to Ohio, where Republicans are pressuring for the same kind of anti-labor legislation. In Ohio, Mr. Butler stated, "when two Republican members of the House Elections Committee refused to go along on a bill restricting labor's political activities both were called to the office of the Republican Speaker of the House, and returned with their minds changed."

More recently, in Ohio, Mr. Butler said, "the Republican Party seized another opportunity to show its true colors—and its unfriendliness toward the working man. There the Democrats tried to pass a measure tying in the state unemployment benefits to the new Guaranteed Wage plan — so that no one would have to sacrifice his unemployment payments because of any GAW payments he might receive. But the Republicans in the State Senate would have none of it. They voted the measure down."

Picketing of May Press In Hayward Stimulated Organizing Other Shops

Jack Austin, secretary of Typographical 36, recently informed the Central Labor Council that pickets have been withdrawn by the printers and pressmen from the J. F. May Press in Hayward. Pickets were first placed by Austin and Fred Brooks of Pressmen 125 in April of 1953.

Austin said that May had withdrawn from the commercial field, and was now printing only some few materials for a small missionary group.

The campaign against the May plant cost the two unions a good deal, said Austin, "but it helped us organize some other shops in Hayward, so we figure that all in all it was a good thing."

Lundegaard Backs Down Part of Way

Coroner E. M. Lundegaard has notified the Board of Supervisors that he will discontinue using funeral directors as his deputies in Alameda, Albany, and Berkeley. He said he would continue to use a funeral director as his deputy in San Leandro, "as I consider San Leandro to be in Southern Alameda county and will continue to have a deputy there until such time as a branch office is established to take care of all that area."

Lundegaard's naming of funeral directors who had contributed to his campaign fund for election as deputies had incurred much criticism. A Citizens Committee named by the Board of Supervisors and headed by Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, criticized the plan strongly.

RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL bridge is now three-fourths complete, the State announces.

News About Women

HOW TO BUY

TV Service Questions Answered

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

TV REPAIRS: "You say it is impossible for a television repairman to make a service call at a flat rate of \$2.50. You list the price as \$3.50 to \$4.50 per call. I'd like to know why it is impossible to make a call for \$2.50—they are around the corner from you, or at most several blocks away. A lot of the men at my husband's shop are grumbling at the prices of TV service calls. These range from \$3.50 to \$6. One man told a serviceman who charged him \$5: 'My doctor, who certainly had more education and expense than you in getting established, only charges me \$5.' Then sometimes when servicemen wish to make more money they take the set to their shops. Seldom are adjustments made in the home."

—Mrs. R. E., East Orange, N. J.

"I bought a set in 1953. I think we have spent almost enough on repairs to buy a new set. We have called two different shops, and they operate the same. One day the repairman put in a new tube. The next day it failed again, so they put in another tube. The third day it failed again. This time they took it to the shop. Of course our bill was higher. We think they could have fixed it the first time."

—Mrs. A. H., Wichita, Kansas

Answer: Undoubtedly TV repairs have become a costly and irritating problem. Our previous warning was not intended to justify high charges, but to warn against outfits claiming to make calls for as little as \$1 or \$2. These often prove most expensive, because of their tendency to remove sets for shop work they claim is necessary. One large appliance organization reports that in its experience only a small percentage of sets need actually be taken into the shop for repairs.

Here are pointers to help protect you from overcharges and unreliable outfits:

—If the serviceman replaces parts, he should leave them with you. This is a must.

—He should give you an itemized bill for labor and parts.

—If the set is comparatively new, call the dealer who sold it to you or the manufacturer's local distributor to make good. Generally tubes are guaranteed for a year, and marked with a code number accordingly.

—Tube replacement is a frequent cause of repair calls. Manufacturers' suggested list prices for these run from \$1.50 to as high as \$5, but the average tube replacement costs about \$2.50. These prices should be maximum since they already include a 50 percent profit for the serviceman (a \$2.50 tube costs him \$1.25).

—Care can reduce service calls. Avoid leaving a set turned on like a radio when you aren't actually watching, as this causes tubes to wear out rapidly. The great heat generated in TV sets also breaks down components. Be sure to allow circulation of air in back of and underneath your set (don't use a felt pad underneath a table set).

—If you have a table model, you can save cost of house calls by taking the set to the shop yourself. Just disconnect the plug and the antenna hookup. But don't try to remove the back of the set to look for the trouble; TV sets have high voltage stored up even when disconnected.

—Rebuilt picture tubes, if properly reconditioned, are satisfactory at a cost of only about half that of a new tube.

—Before need for service arises, learn prevailing rates in your area, and ask neighbors and friends for their experiences with local repairmen.

CONGRESS PASSED and sent to the White House legislation extending the Selective Service Act for four years and the doctors' draft for two years. The regular draft would be extended to July 1, 1959 continuing inductions for two years of military service for men between 18½ and 25.

MERGER OF AFL AND CIO will forge a "powerful weapon" to help end discrimination against Negro workers, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People declared.

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Women Pastors

A leading Jewish spokesman proposed lately that women be ordained as rabbis. In the long history of Judaism this has never been done.

The suggestion was made by Dr. Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland in his presidential address to the Central Conference of American Rabbis meeting in New Jersey. Opening the sixty-sixth annual convention, Dr. Brickner urged his fellow clergymen to break with tradition.

Dr. Brickner noted that women already were receiving degrees in religious education and added: "They have a special spiritual and emotional fitness to be rabbis, and I believe that many women would be attracted to this calling."

Dr. Brickner's proposal is in line with a clearly defined trend in religion in the United States. In Los Angeles recently the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America overwhelmingly approved the ordination of women as full ministers. Final ratification must await approval of the church's 256 local presbyteries.

The New York East Conference of the Methodist Church agreed to endorse efforts to put women in the pulpit. The distaff side did suffer one setback recently. Early in May the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York refused to permit women to serve on parish vestries or to attend yearly diocesan conventions.

By counting beads along rods that represent columns of units, tens, hundreds, etc., the child can see the progressive value of numbers. At the same time, dealing with real objects gives meaning to abstract figures.

The abacus principle has been practiced for at least two to three thousand years. Something of the sort had to develop to meet primitive societies' practical need for a workable numerical system.

An early type of abacus was a sand-covered stone or clay tablet marked with vertical lines of graduated value. Bits of metal, glass or bone were set along these lines to indicate sums.

Women in Politics

Treasurer Pays

Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, appointed by Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower to be Treasurer of the United States, paid out \$14 of the currency which bears her signature to a Nebraska traffic judge after a State Safety Patrolman clocked her car at 78 miles per hour in a state where the maximum speed limit is 60 miles per hour.

"I wasn't going too much over the speed limit," Mrs. Priest told the judge, "but I was exceeding it, I guess, there's no doubt about that."

"Is my face red about the speeding ticket?" she commented afterward. "You know I'm on the board of directors of the National Safety Council, and to do something like that . . . well, that's bad."

NLRB Chairman To Retire Aug. 27

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Guy Farmer, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board and architect of many of the board's pro-employer policies, will retire on August 27.

Farmer's resignation will give President Eisenhower another NLRB appointment and the power to select a new chairman.

It is anticipated that one of the present Eisenhower appointees will be moved up to the chairmanship.

Farmer's appointment to the chairmanship, coupled with other new appointments by the President, touched off a series of board decisions the net effect of which was to wipe out precedents set up over the past 20 years. Most of the new decisions further restricted union rights and actions and widened the field for employers' anti-union action.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

THE AVERAGE HOUSEWIFE thinks she has a well-equipped desk if she has a paper knife to open her letters and bills, and a sponge for sealing and stamping her out-going mail.

Compared with the well-equipped business office, however, she is as out of date as if she carved out her letters on blocks of stone.

The London Times, in a recent supplement dealing with office equipment tells of gadgets most of us have not yet dreamed of.

Electric operated letter openers, for instance, will neatly trim the barest edge off an envelope, and deposit the letter in one tray and the piece cut off in another at the rate of 500 letters a minute.

If you wonder what the rush is because delay in opening mail may mean delay in filling an order or answering an important question. This delay could involve large sums of money.

In the matter of out-going mail, likewise, sealing of envelopes has been speeded up to the point where one machine may handle 20,000 pieces of mail an hour.

This machine automatically selects each envelope from a pile, moistens it with warm water, and then passes it under a sealing roller.

All sorts of businesses use these machines and they are exported to all parts of the world from Britain. Incidentally, the largest user of the letter-opening machine in Britain is a well-known firm of football promoters, who use 51 of them.

Offices in this country and abroad more and more resemble huge factories with great batteries of electrically operated machines for every purpose.

A girl planning a business career these days has to take a long look ahead, and realize that she is fated to be a machine-tender rather than the human little secretary with her note book full of pot hooks.

Buyer Beware

"Non-fattening"

The Internal Revenue Service has advised breweries to stop contending that their beer is non-fattening.

Such advertising, it said, is likely to deceive the public. It suggested that the ads be changed as quickly as possible.

The service said it had made a survey late last year to find out whether beer drinkers were being misled by advertising.

It said a substantial share of the consumers interviewed had the idea that the advertised beer was either entirely non-fattening or at least had negligible caloric content. They also believed it was less fattening than other beers, that a person could lose weight by drinking it, that it had the same food value as foods with similar caloric content, or that it could be substituted for such foods with the same nutritional results, the Federal agency said.

Last year the revenue service advised the industry to qualify its caloric claims with accurate statements of caloric content. It was told then that comparison with other common foods and beverages would not be considered objectionable.

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Senator McNamara Says Ike 'Captive'

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—President Eisenhower was called "a well-meaning man with a fine war record" by Sen. Patrick V. McNamara (D., Mich.) as he addressed the 14th annual meeting of the Eastern Labor Press Conference at the Willard Hotel in Washington.

"His most potent members of the Cabinet," said McNamara, "are speaking and acting for the most reactionary elements of American Big Business. I refer to George Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury, and Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce. Big Business has a captive President. Big Business is directing the country on the road to giantism—and in the end to state Socialism."

"Earlier, the ELPC presented a certificate of distinguished service to Rev. William Kelley, OMI, former director of the New York State Labor Relations Board, a mediator in many labor-management disputes, and a frequent recent spokesman against so-called 'right-to-work' legislation. Father Kelley has been active in union labor affairs for 23 of his 25 years in the priesthood."

James Marlow, Associated Press editor, and Gordon Cole, editor of the Machinists, led a discussion on "readability." Jay Turner, secretary-treasurer of the DC-Maryland Federation of Labor, and Gene Derrickson, secretary-treasurer of the Wilmington, Del., Central Labor Union, led a discussion on means of fighting so-called "right-to-work" legislation. Andrew J. Biemiller, AFL legislative representative, reported on the legislative situation in the Congress.

Frank B. Powers was elected president; Garland A. Ruark, editor of the Baltimore Federationist, secretary-treasurer; Bernard Tassler, AFL Federationist; Brownie Cuthbert, Labor World, Chattanooga; George Cole, Machinist; Elmer Reynolds, Molders Journal, Cincinnati; Marvin McIntyre, Bradford (Pa.) Union, and Joseph B. Springer, Train Dispatcher, Chicago, all vice presidents.

Congress Is Studying Low-Income Families

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—A congressional committee is launching an intensive study of the perennial and persistent problem of the low-income family.

A subcommittee of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report aims to find out whether chronic low income is a problem arising from lack of education, limited training in skills or from other reasons.

Some of the questions the committee is trying to answer are:

Are people who lose their jobs to machines unable to find—or unequipped to hold—other well-paying jobs? Do they need retraining?

How big a factor is age in relegating workers to poor-paying jobs?

How about the disabled worker?

What can people in depressed areas do to help make ends meet when the community's job opportunities shrink or disappear? How mobile is the average worker who loses his job?

The subcommittee is headed by Sen. John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), Sen. Ralph Flanders (R., Vt.) and Rep. Augustine B. Kelley (D., Pa.).

MEXICAN and U. S. labor unions have signed a pact aimed at abolishing wage differentials on international construction projects.

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Union Builds Big Apartment Houses

NEW YORK CITY (AFL News)—Cooperative apartment buildings, housing 1,668 families, sponsored by the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, will be ready for occupancy the latter part of the year. A. E. Kazan, president of the East River Housing Corporation, announced.

Kazan made the statement as ground was broken for a shopping center which will be a part of the \$20-million project at Corleas Hook. The center will include a cooperative food market and variety store, a bakery, a drug store, dry cleaning establishment, a beauty parlor, barber shop and candy store.

The East River Housing Corporation is a redevelopment project of the city of New York. Under the law, the city grants tax exemption on the improvements made for a period of 25 years.

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'Vacuum in White House': Schnitzler

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AFL News)—There is a vacuum in the White House "where leadership ought to be," AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler told the convention of the Missouri State Federation of Labor.

"The most striking characteristic of this Administration and the entire official team is its reluctance to govern, which today seems to be exceeded only by its desire to be re-elected," Schnitzler said.

"From the President on down, they seem to like their jobs, but not their duties and responsibilities, or the blame that attaches to their failures. In short there is a vacuum where leadership ought to be."

The AFL official got a laugh from his audience when he said the attitude of President Eisenhower to many important public questions seems to be:

"Don't ask me, I'm a stranger here myself."

In all seriousness, Schnitzler charged that the guiding policy of the Administration appears to be to "Hope for the best," which, if it happens, "will make it unnecessary to have a policy."

"Never yet in our history has good luck proved to be an adequate substitute for good government," Schnitzler continued. "Good government requires positive and effective steps to meet specific national problems. Such steps have not been forthcoming."

"The Administration's handling of the vaccine crisis is just one glaring demonstration of what is wrong in Washington today and what we can expect should other crisis arise in other areas of Federal responsibility."

"The paralysis that has seized the Federal arm of Government threatens to become far more serious than the danger of infantile paralysis has ever been. It stems from defects inherent in the political history and philosophy of those elements of big business that now controls the Executive Branch. They have preached hatred and fear of the Federal Government for so long that they have become infected by their own political poison."

THE PRESIDENT'S special commission on Federal-state relations came up with a lengthy report after two years of study endorsing the Eisenhower Administration's "states rights" approach. It generally ignored labor's programs for Federal statutes and standards in the social insurance field, Federal aid to education and expansion of other grants-in-aid programs.

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

GEORGE T. BROWN has in the American Federationist these remarks, which are so good we're going to run them here as a "guest editorial":

What is it that makes the difference between the "family of a union member" and a "trade union family?"

In the "family of a union member" someone "belongs" to the union. The father, a son or a daughter is a "member." He or she may or may not individually be fully convinced about trade unionism. But in any event this degree of interest is not transmitted to the rest of the family. There is no genuine effort made to explain to the family what trade unionism means. Perhaps more to the point, the member does not teach by example the importance of unionism. He rarely attends union meetings. He never talks about the union at home. He does not bring his family to any of the union's social affairs. His family and the union are just poles apart.

In a "trade union family" all of this is reversed. Trade unionism is family business.—

STATE CONVENTIONS of Democrats and Republicans won't be held on same day as in the past, under bill signed by Governor Knight and introduced by State Senator George Miller, Democrat, Richmond. GOP will continue to meet first Saturday in August following primary. Democrats will meet third Saturday after closing of party's national convention.

AFL SUGAR WORKERS' strike at C & H plant at Crockett, which began June 4, was subject of a negotiation meeting held Thursday with Federal Mediator George Hillenbrand present.

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Wildcat Strike Is British Headache Says Steamfitter

Herbert A. Perry, member of Steamfitters 342 in England studying at the London School of Economics, writes the following interesting comment on England's plague of unofficial strikes:

T. O'Brien, vice-chairman of the Trades Union Congress, has criticized in London "those who sought to resolve their industrial grievances by the type of tampering now known as the unofficial strike."

Most of these unofficial strikes are started by minority groups who are more often than not led by Communists. O'Brien pointed out that these "peddlars and cheap jacks of phony trade unionism will destroy the basic right to strike." Continuous and contemptuous disregard by sections of workers of agreements and of their union's executive authority is bound to invite the introduction of repressive legislation to prevent such conduct. In consequence the whole trade union movement is likely to be penalized by the action of these reckless minorities.

This indicates one of the big weak points in British trade unions from my point of view, and that is that under the present structure the members are not serviced by their unions well enough in the matter of grievances and seeing that the contract is honored by management. The result, of course, is a dissatisfied rank and file ready to listen to smart Communists who are ready to act and at the same time discredit the responsible elected union officials.

The late Arthur Deakin, of the Transport and General Workers' Union, was a militant anti-Communist and warned the trade union world that there was a Communist conspiracy afoot to disrupt Britain's recovery and future industrial progress. Every time an unofficial strike broke out the blame was put on the Communist agitators and little effort was made to get at the real cause of the trouble which usually was a legitimate grievance.

The shop stewards here in Britain have in the past formed an independent organization known as the Shop Steward Movement and today many of the shop stewards are militant Communists who are in touch with the rank and file and are Johnny on the spot when a dispute arises. It is in this first line area where the weakness lies and where the British can learn a few things from American trade unions. In the states we have had our trouble with the Communists and some of the severe clauses of the Taft-Hartley Act are as a result of their activity in the post-war era. Similar legislation can result in Great Britain if the irresponsible action of these Communist led minority groups persists.

Many trade unionists here are surprised when they learn how many full time business agents we have in our unions and how much time they devote to policing the contract and handling grievances. They have fewer paid officials and a less efficient shop steward setup than we have. This is why, in my opinion, the rank and file feel that their officials are out of touch with them, they don't service the agreement and neglect the first line problems. They have their hands full of administrative work and are short handed.

OAKLAND SCHOOL BOARD has elected William W. Hoffman, attorney, member of the board since 1952, as president to succeed David Tucker, defeated in spring election by Peter Jurs.

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Strokes of the Brush From Local No. 127

Shortage of Painters For Tracts Continuing

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE
Again we remind the brothers that dues and assessments for the third quarter are \$22.50 for journeymen. When mailing in the dues for the third quarter please make out your check or money order for that amount.

Death assessments for life members are \$9.00.
Work is still going strong with all the brothers on the job. Still a shortage of tract painters and with the new building programs going along in all districts it looks good for a long time.

Don't forget to send in all your bills for medical or hospital services incurred prior to June 1, as we are now under a new year's contract we have only until the end of August to get these bills cleared up. These bills should be submitted even though you are still under a doctor's care.

Brother A. H. Wilson, operated upon last Friday, is in Providence Hospital.

Next meeting of the Local will be Thursday, July 14, at which time the new officers of the Local will be installed.

Two Deaths Mourned by Labor Temple Auxiliary

By OPAL LAWRENCE
The first meeting of the new year was called to order by our new President Tillie Bartmess and she is to be complimented on the way she took over. She appointed all committees for the coming year. As there will be no meeting in July, everything will get into full swing at our August 2 meeting.

The Past Presidents held their annual luncheon in San Francisco, Wednesday, June 22. I understand a good time was had by all.
At the last sewing held, three of our girls, Bessie Hunt, Bessie Stephens, and Inez Wager were presented gifts for their splendid work for the past year. Keep up the good work girls.

Before our next meeting Naomi Vercelli and friend Rose Perata of Auxiliary No. 97 will be off for a two weeks trip by plane to Hawaii. They are supposed to be going for grass skirts and sight seeing. But we are all wondering if they aren't looking far hopeful.

Vacation time is starting. So far on the list is Estelle Kerins a trip to Oregon, Naomi Vercelli to Truckee and the snow, Bessie Hunt to the mountains. I have also just returned from a week in the big trees in Calaveras. Ron Tomsic, son of Pauline graduated this June from Stanford, congratulations Ron, and good luck.
Our sympathy goes to the families of Nancy Froam and Lucy Hjelm, two of our dear members, also to Marie Dixon in the loss of her sister and Alma Stone the loss of her aunt.

To the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and daughter-in-laws of all A. F. of L. members we extend a welcome to join the Labor Temple Woman's Auxiliary. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., in Hall B.
Remember to look for Union Labels, ask for Union Clerks, and Buy Bonds.

Lloyd P. Green Is Financial Secretary Of Hayward Painters

Just one change made at the recent election of officers by Hayward Painters 1178, reports Recording Secretary Robert G. Miller. Bro. Lloyd P. Green is the new Financial Secretary.
"In the other offices you gotta put up with us for another year," says Miller.
Russ Forbes is the new trustee for the three year term, and Bros. Bethel and Green are two new delegates to our affiliates. "See you at the next meeting July 15?" reminds Miller.

BRICKLAYERS Joint Apprenticeship Committee in St. Louis awarded certificates to 89 young bricklayers, for completion of a four-year apprenticeship course. The new journeymen each completed approximately 6,000 hours of employment and a minimum of 576 hours of classroom instruction. The certificates were presented by Thomas Murphy, treasurer of the AFL Bricklayers.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Millmen 550

Installation of officers will be a feature of the meeting of this union July 15.

Yours fraternally,
M. D. CIGNATO,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

Our next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally,
BOY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Hayward Painters 1178

Members are advised that the meeting dates will remain as they are now: the first and third Fridays of each month.

The next meeting will be Friday July 15 to be followed by a special call to act on sending delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention in San Diego during August. After the meeting we will indulge in a little something to eat and drink.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

Special assessment No. 1 was due and payable along with the third quarter's dues July 1, 1955.

The next regular meeting of this local will be held Friday, July 8.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

Painters, District Council 16

To all members of House Painters Local Unions: The Bay Area Painters Welfare Program will be open for changes to become effective September 1, 1955. Any and all members desiring changes in the program to be made must have such desired changes submitted through their Local Union and in the hands of the trustees of the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund by July 30, 1955.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE K. MOORE
Secretary Treasurer of the District Council of Painters No. 16

2000 Farm Workers Referred to Jobs During June by the Oakland Office

Over 2,000 farm workers were referred to jobs during the month of June, it was reported by Richard A. Resleure of the Oakland Farm Labor Office.

Over 1200 men and women worked in local cherry orchards, being transported to the field from the labor office by contractors and growers on a day-haul basis. The remainder of farm placements were made in a variety of other crop activities which included strawberry, pea and beet picking, suckering of corn and grape vines, beet and tomato thinning, cotton chopping and hoeing and general farm work.

The close of the month saw the arrival of the apricot harvest in the Brentwood area, which is now drawing a number of harvesters from Oakland. Apricots in the Niles-Irvington area are expected to be ready for picking within the next two weeks.

On June 10 the local office followed the lead of other State Farm Labor Offices by adopting a 5 a.m. opening hour. It is the Berkeley employment office.



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Dressing Room Chatter

Theater Workers Will Miss F. Reeder

By JOE CONNELLY

Fay Reeder, Fox West Coast Oakland City Manager, and resident Manager of the Paramount being promoted to advertising and publicity chief for the company in northern California. An item you may have overlooked in the Tribune. We assume it was Mr. Reeder's natural modesty that prevented him from informing this office, or perhaps Somebody else "goofed." Nevertheless we are sorry to see him go, as his relations with this office, particularly his treatment of employees working under our jurisdiction, were the most harmonious. Prior to coming over from San Francisco to assume the post he is presently vacating he did a stint here as district manager, during which tenure of service harmony also prevailed. . . . Rumors are flying as to Mr. Reeder's possible successor, prominently mentioned are John Nylon of the Fox in Richmond, Bob Apple of the California in Berkeley, and Jack Lucey of the Grand-Lake with two outsiders not to be overlooked. By outsiders we mean outside of this immediate vicinity, but men of considerable experience with the company. Jack MacDougall of the Fox-

ILO Will Support Peace Use of Atom

GENEVA (AFL News)—After pledging unanimous support to efforts to harness nuclear energy for peacetime use, the 38th general conference of the International Labor Organization adjourned.

The 700 worker, employer and government delegates said atomic energy could be used to lighten the burdens of mankind and raise living standards throughout the world. The conference called upon the ILO Governing Body to study what steps the ILO could take toward promoting this goal and to devise the highest possible safety and health standards for atomic workers.

In other resolutions, the conference adopted recommendations for the protection of migrant workers and for the vocational rehabilitation of the disabled.


Director-General David A. Morse told the ILO that it could play an important role in bridging the great gap between technological advances and the inadequacy of social justice.

Morse said the very structure of the ILO had been put to a test in connection with the recent entry to membership of the Soviet Union and other Communist lands. The qualifications of the workers' and employers' delegates from these lands have been challenged on the ground that they are not free but Government-dominated.

The ILO leader asked all the 70 member nations of the ILO to cooperate in a study by a special committee which will adjudge the eligibility of worker and employer delegates to serve in the ILO.

RAIL LABOR UNIONS called on Congress for quick action to aid widows and wives of retired railroaders.

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Carpenters Auxiliary Installation July 22

The ladies auxiliary held their last business meeting of the year Friday, June 24.

Tress Flannigan, president, presented all of the officers with a lovely corsage, and thanked each one and all of the committees for the work they had done the past year.

Highlight of the meeting was election of officers. New officers elected are: President, Alta Benony; Vice-President, Flo Bartalini; Recording Secretary, Julia Sjoberg; Financial Secretary, Martha Light; Warder, Dora Holder; Conductress, Jean Kinney; Associate Conductress, Bea Cameron; Chaplain, Aline Haake; Trustees, Veronica Walsh, Annie Elvin, Agnes Anderson; Pianist, Joe Wheeler.

Installation of new officers will be held July 22. There will be a dinner at the Robin Hood Inn, 55 Grand Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. preceding the installation. All members are invited. Call Flo Bartalini, LA 2-8872 if you plan to attend. Deadline for reservations is July 16th.

Don't forget the dinner to-night, Friday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Carpenters Hall. All members and their families are invited.

The Executive Board meeting will be July 14, in the home of Flo Bartalini.

Teamsters Announce New Capital Home's Opening

East Bay Labor Journal has received a handsome engraved announcement as follows:

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America announces the opening of their new International Headquarters Building at 25 Louisiana Avenue, Northwest, Tuesday the fifth of July, Nineteen hundred and fifty-five, Washington, D. C. Telephone STerling 3-0525.

Teamster, Laundry Conferences Held

AFL Teamsters and Laundry Workers both held western states conferences in Los Angeles recently, says the State Federation of Labor Newsletter.

The Teamster sessions began June 27, in the Biltmore Hotel. C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, addressed the opening ceremonies.

Other speakers at the week-long conference included Dave Beck, general president of the Teamsters International, Frank Brewster, president of the Western Conference, and U. S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson.

The Fourth Western Conference of Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers opened June 28 in the Alexandria Hotel.

Haggerty addressed the opening session together with Sam J. Byers, conference chairman, and Lawrence R. Palacios, secretary-treasurer.

Other speakers included Jack J. Williams, director, Western Laundry Council; Raymond F. Leheny, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Union Label and Service Trades Department; Margaret Thornburgh, chairman, Women's Division, LLPE; Congressman Chet Holifield, and former Congressman Sam Yorty.

County Fair Open Till July Seventh

PLEASANTON — Record-breaking attendance at the Alameda County Fair that continues through July 7 at Pleasanton is predicted.

Fair officials believe the attendance will surpass the 300,000 mark for the complete run. Nancy Smith of San Leandro, was chosen "Miss Alameda County Fair" on Saturday and will reign over the historic Exposition for its duration.

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OPINIONS

MOLOTOV NOW

But what is Mr. Molotov today? He is the Foreign Minister of Russia's most powerful czar but of a group of men divided among themselves, groping through problems which are strange to them and unprovided for by their doctrines and teachings. The Stalin policies which Mr. Molotov so long executed have been largely disowned by the new men in the Kremlin. The Stalin expectation of continuing Western weakness has been washed away. The Communist dogma that after the war communism would bring material prosperity while capitalism would bring material misery has been shattered by the fact of booming Western prosperity against a lagging Soviet economy. — Joseph C. Harsch in Christian Science Monitor.

LIMITED!

The versifier who signs himself or herself SEC in the Reporter magazine had this to say recently on the subject of limited atomic warfare:

Don'tcha worry, honey chile, Don'tcha cry no more, It's just a lil' ole atom bomb In a lil' ole limited war.

It's just a bitsy warhead, chile On a lil' ole tactical shell, And all it'll do is blow us all To a lil' ole limited hell.

GOP NOT-HERO

June 14 was the 100th anniversary of the birth of "Old Bob" LaFollette of Wisconsin—a fighting Republican liberal who endeared himself to millions of Americans a generation or two ago. Did the GOP mark the date of one of its great figures? No. In the Senate and House, not a word was said about Old Bob. It was left for men like Morse, Reuss, Lester, Johnson, Rhodes, Wier, all Democrats.—CIO News.

TEENAGERS

"Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority. They show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers."—Socrates, 5th Century, B. C., quoted by Chicago Federation News.

CAN'T UNDERSTAND

I cannot understand the philosophy of those who always slip the gravy to those who have the most and cry out in agony when someone wants to let a little drip on the bread of those who have the least.—Congressman Barrett O'Hara (D., Ill.)

CULPABLE!

Editor—We can put up with Ike's golf, painting and farming on week ends... But there's one hobby we can do without—Oveta Culp. — Letter in S. F. Chronicle, signed Joe Mitchell, Oakland.

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EDITORIALS

Automation May Bring 20-Hr Week, But Not Automatically!

Two men of standing in the labor movement have recently emphasized the need for getting under way a drive for the shorter workday.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, a vice president of the State Federation of Labor, and Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, secretary of the Bay Cities Council of Carpenters, have both spoken on the subject.

When management men are talking for labor's consumption, they claim, as Jones said in talking before the Building Trades Council, that the men who lose their jobs through automation will get jobs making machines to increase automation. But when they are talking among themselves they make it plain they figure on eliminating workers.

W. Randle Mitchell, vice president and controller of the American Pulley Company of Philadelphia, told the International Cost Conference in New York recently that "economic trends point to the need for greater production with a smaller working force." Mechanization and automation, he added, will help to "offset increasing wage costs."

At the same conference W. C. Wichman of the General Electric Company's executive staff declared that "courage will be a key factor in continued progress of the American economy."

Yes, courage. Management will show its courage by substituting automation for manpower. So it seems up to labor to show its courage by making a real drive for the shorter workday.

No long ago there was held in Aspen, Colo., a session of the International Design Conference, during which a panel was conducted on the subject of the increasing leisure coming to Americans through automation and standard mechanization as well.

"The twenty-hour week is inevitable," said Arnold F. Arnold, designer and author, a member of the panel.

Another member of the panel, Bernard Benson, president of a company specializing in the manufacture of machines used in one type of automation, agreed with Arnold. He said that increasing productivity inevitably will produce "either more leisure for all or all leisure for some."

That phrase, "all leisure for some," has an ominous ring to labor people who have for some time feared that automation may bring nothing but poverty-stricken leisure to some large proportion of the present working force.

Paul Jones without using that exact phrase made it plain that increasing use of machinery has already brought "all leisure to some" 300 members of his local union, a most unusual number of the members of that union to have jobless at this time of year.

No matter how much automation is introduced in machinery, it is certain that labor isn't going to meet the situation with a shorter workday by any automation process.

Getting a shorter workday will take much effort animated by that "courage" which the management man cited as "a key factor in continued progress of the American economy."

If labor lacks that courage, many now holding good jobs at good wages will be picked off by automation like sitting ducks.

Teachers and Their Troubles

Governor Knight has signed the bill liberalizing teachers' pensions.

The California American Legion convention has adopted resolutions asking that the teaching of UNESCO and use of any of its materials in public schools be prohibited and urging that the Legion remain steadfast "in its expressed patriotic dedication to eliminate the influence of UNESCO in American life and thought."

The Progressive Education Association, long a powerful influence in shaping teaching methods, has given up the ghost.

Those three news items are worth considering together. The Legion's resolute determination to prevent world thought from blending with provincial nationalistic thought in the minds of our children, and the fact that the Progressive Education Association gave up the ghost largely because of the bitterness with which progressive education has been attacked, make one all the happier that our teachers are to have better pensions. They deserve it. The amount of hectoring, keelhauling, and downright smearing our teachers have to take from reactionaries make one wonder sometimes how so many of them hold out to pensionable age.

The Progressive Education Association was founded in 1919 as a protest movement against the old dry-as-dust traditional educational methods. It was based in large part upon the philosophy of the late John Dewey, one of the greatest thinkers in the history of this country.

"Learning by doing" has been a fundamental concept in progressive education.

Those who regret the passing of the official organization devoted to the spreading of Dewey's educational ideals realize that the reason progressive education has been attacked so bitterly is because it has done so much to overthrow dead and stultifying custom in our schools. The association died because its program succeeded so well, thus arousing the bitterness of reactionaries.

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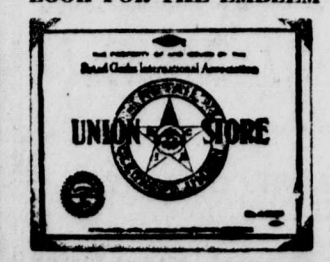
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Evelyn Cohelan on Way to Doctorate

Berkeley Gazette

Mrs. Evelyn Cohelan, wife of Berkeley City Councilman Jeffrey Cohelan and instructor in psychosomatic nursing at the University of California School of Nursing in San Francisco, is today the recipient of a National League for Nursing Fellowship Grant.

The grant is one of seven awarded by the national nursing organization to nurses who are studying for a doctoral degree in some field of nursing. The NLN Fellowship program, initiated this year, represents the highest level nursing fellowship ever offered in this country.

A graduate of the Mounts-Midway School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Cohelan received her BS and MS degrees from the University of California School of Nursing here, and completed a year of post graduate field experience in psychiatric nursing at the Langley Porter Clinic in San Francisco. She will begin full-time study in September at the University of California, planning to complete the requirements for a Doctoral Degree in Education in June, 1957. Her research will be done in psychosomatic and psychiatric nursing.

This is the second time the Cohelan family has been honored as recipient of a coveted fellowship award. In 1953, Councilman Cohelan, who is secretary-treasurer of the AFL Milk Drivers Union, received a Fulbright Scholarship for a year's research in adult education and labor relations in the United Kingdom. Mrs. Cohelan and her four children, accompanied Cohelan abroad where Mrs. Cohelan was able to study psychiatric nursing and education in England. They live at 1733 Vine Street, Berkeley.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER signed a bill extending the reciprocal trade act for three years and empowering him to cut most tariffs 5 percent a year.

ERNEST B. WEBB, Director of Industrial Relations, will attend the 1955 convention of the International Association of Governmental Labor Officials, to be held in Toronto, Ontario, August 23-26.

Wildlife Chairman Says Much Misrepresentation Of the Reservoir Bill

Clarence E. Wilson, State chairman, California Wildlife Federation said today, "It's about time someone called a halt to the flow of misinformation being spread in the effort to discredit and defeat the Reservoir Bill, A. B. 3678."

Wilson protests the "free ride" being given the misstatements of the local utility, and comments that these erroneous statements are being reflected in letters to the People's Forum, in the Tribune.

Wilson refers to numerous repetitions of the statement that the fishermen would be wading and swimming in the reservoirs; while the truth of the matter is that the sportsmen are against such a practice, and neither the State Board of Health, nor the utility would allow it under any circumstances.

It has repeatedly been stated that fishermen would be fishing in the secondary water supply, (meaning storage water held after purification). This statement is ridiculous, said Wilson, because, first of all there are no fish in the secondary supply; secondly, the bill clearly provides on lines 10, 11, and 12 that there be no fishing or recreational use of the secondary reservoirs, and further the State Board of Public Health, and the utility would both oppose any such proposal, and rightly so. Sportsmen have never considered such a thing, Wilson added.

Every person interested in outdoor recreation and fishing, said State Chairman Wilson, should wire Governor Knight, asking him to sign this bill into law.

SAND BLASTER in New York saved his life by grabbing a rope when knocked off a scaffold by a building stone. He slid down five stories, then, unable to grip the rope any longer with his burned hands, fell to the sidewalk, suffering hip and rib fractures.

RUTGERS INSTITUTE of Management and Labor Relations in New Jersey released "The Story of the NLRB," a documentary describing how management and union can use the National Labor Relations Board to improve labor-management relations.

Ralph Duncan Now State Conciliator

The appointment of two full time conciliators to vacancies on the staff of the California State Conciliation Service is announced by Ernest B. Webb, Director, Department of Industrial Relations.

John F. Condon has been assigned to the southern area of the State and will make his headquarters in Los Angeles. Prior to his appointment, Condon was a Deputy Labor Commissioner on the staff of the Division of Labor Law Enforcement. He has also been an official of various units of the AFL United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Union in the Los Angeles area.

Ralph F. Duncan will report for duty on July 15, and has been assigned to the San Joaquin Valley area, with headquarters in Fresno. Duncan has been a representative for the AFL Hospital Workers Union, Local 250, in San Francisco and has also been an International Representative of the AFL Retail Clerks Union.

Both of the new conciliators have been appointed from a civil service list issued recently by the State Personnel Board after open competitive examinations.

Webb also reported that the State Conciliation Service has been requested by employers and unions to assist in the settlement of over 2500 labor disputes since its inception in the Fall of 1947. Operating under Section 65 of the Labor Code, the Service intervenes in labor disputes upon request of either employers or unions and may also proffer its assistance where a work stoppage threatens and no request has been made.

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Doctors Offer to Speak at Meetings

The executive committee of the Central Labor Council was so impressed by a folder put out by the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association offering to send speakers to interested groups that the committee recommended having a story about it printed in East Bay Labor Journal.

The attractively printed folder—it carries the union label—announces that any group wishing to hear a speaker on medical subjects can arrange for such a speaker, without cost, by communicating with the association's office at 6230 Claremont avenue, Oakland; phone OLYmpic 4-5383.

The one special request made by the association is that it have at least two weeks' notice before the proposed meeting, if possible.

The folder prints a long list of suggested subjects.

For instance, among the general topics suggested are: Accidents in the home and their prevention, keeping health on camping trips, recent advances in medical research, poison oak, headaches, allergy.

Then there are special subjects under surgery, heart disease and related conditions, the respiratory system, geriatrics or the art of getting old, and still other headings.

Finally, under social and economic aspects of medicine, these subjects are suggested: health insurance, behind the scenes in medical practice; your doctor—the science, the art, and the business demands of medical practice; cost of medical care, how a doctor is trained, private practice or government medicine, and how to choose a doctor.

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Tobin's Son Heads Labor Life Ins., Woll Chairman

NEW YORK CITY (AFL News) — Matthew Woll was elected general executive chairman and Edmund P. Tobin president by 225 shareholders of the Union Labor Life Insurance Co.

Woll has served as president since the company started business in 1927. Tobin was a charter member. Following graduation from Harvard, he was a company agent, later head of the branch office in Chicago, and came back to New York to take charge of the branch there, until appointed vice president and agency manager in 1935. He was appointed executive vice president and a director in 1952. He is a son of Daniel J. Tobin, president emeritus of the Teamsters.

Harry Bates, president of the Bricklayers, was elected secretary, and James Maloney, president emeritus of the Glass Bottle Blowers, treasurer.

Elected to the board were L. M. Rafferty, Painters, and John M. Rooney, Plasterers. Re-elected to the board were John Blackburn, Lithographers; T. C. Carroll, Maintenance of Way; Richard W. Condon, N. Y. attorney; John F. English, Teamsters; Joseph P. McCurdy, Garment Workers; A. L. Spradling, Street and Railway Employees; Harry J. Steeper, Musicians, and Tobin.

Woll reported \$708 million in group life insurance in force, three times the amount of five years ago.

DALLAS — Workers at the Fritz Glitz Co. here voted 3 to 1 to be represented in collective bargaining by the AFL Boilermakers and Machinists. The organizing campaign was conducted jointly by the two unions.

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